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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the information given below is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The following documents are cited for background interest:

**U.S. Patents:**

1.    Number:    US 6,183,073 B1  
      Date:       February 6, 2001  
      Title:      METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POSITIVE PRESSURE  
                  FILLING A PRINTBAR  
      Inventors:  ROTTMAN, Robert M. and HILTON, Brian S.
  
2.    Number:    6,030,074  
      Date:       February 29, 2000  
      Title:      METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING PRESSURIZED  
                  INK TO A PRINTHEAD  
      Inventor:   BARINAGA, John


3. Number: 6,109,740  
Date: August 29, 2000  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPLYING INK TO A  
PRINTER  
Inventors: NAMEKAWA, T; TOKUNAGA, H.; HORII, S.

**Foreign Patents and Disclosures:**

N/A

It is respectfully requested that the said items be considered and made of record in the prosecution and appear among the references cited on any patent issued from the application.

Respectfully submitted,

 September 18, 2003  
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